

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Ruch, et al.

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HEALING POSITION

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2007, a Response to Office Action was submitted for the Examiner's consideration on July 23, 2007. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on July 31, 2007, in response to this prior Amendment. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment following is a listing of the text of all pending claims with the proper amendment indications. The new claim text is no longer underlined.